

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace the listing of claims as pending in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (original): High purity zinc oxide powder, high purity zinc oxide sputtering target and high purity zinc oxide thin film wherein the impurity content excluding gas components of N, C, Cl, S and P is less than 10wtppm.

Claims 3-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (original): A manufacturing method of high purity zinc oxide powder including the steps of subjecting a raw material such as Zn-containing scrap to acid leaching or electrolytic extraction, thereafter performing solvent extraction and activated carbon treatment thereto in order to remove impurities, neutralizing the resultant solution freed of impurities with an alkaline solution to obtain zinc hydroxide, and firing the zinc hydroxide to obtain zinc oxide.

Claims 8-9 (canceled).